AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(currently amended)** A body fluid absorbent wearing article, comprising:

a liquid-pervious topsheet;

a liquid-impervious backsheet;

a liquid-absorbent panel disposed between said topsheet and said backsheet;

said panel comprising ~~being composed of by~~ a first fibrous assembly sub-panel lying on a side of said topsheet and having a compressive restoring elasticity, and a substantially flat second fibrous assembly sub-panel underlying said first fibrous assembly sub-panel;

said first fibrous assembly sub-panel having a substantially flat portion spaced ~~upward~~ from said second fibrous assembly sub-panel by a first given dimension and a plurality of protuberant portions extending from ~~embossed on~~ said flat portion toward said second fibrous assembly panel so as to bear against said second fibrous assembly sub-panel; and

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said first fibrous assembly sub-panel having a fiber density ~~progressively~~ increasing toward ~~as it gets nearer to~~ said second fibrous assembly sub-panel which has ~~and said second fibrous assembly sub-panel having~~ a fiber density ~~assembly~~ higher than that of said first fibrous assembly sub-panel.

2. **(currently amended)** The body fluid absorbent wearing article according to claim 1, wherein said first fibrous assembly sub-panel has a plurality of ~~protuberant~~ wall portions each extending from said flat portion toward said second fibrous assembly sub-panel, being [[but]] spaced ~~upward~~ from said second fibrous assembly sub-panel by a second given dimension, and

serving to connect [[each]] one pair of the adjacent protuberant portions with each other.

3. (original) The body fluid absorbent wearing article according to claim 2, wherein said first fibrous assembly sub-panel has a fiber density of 0.03-0.10 g/cm^3 in said flat portion and a fiber density of 0.05-0.15 g/cm^3 in said protuberant portions as well as in said wall portions, and said second fibrous assembly sub-panel has a fiber density of 0.10-0.50 g/cm^3.

4. **(currently amended)** The body fluid absorbent wearing article according to claim 1, wherein said first fibrous assembly sub-panel comprises hydrophilic thermoplastic synthetic resin fiber by 70-100 wt % of said first fibrous assembly sub-panel and cellulose fiber by 0-30 wt % of said first fibrous assembly sub-panel, while said second fibrous assembly sub-panel comprises said synthetic resin fiber by 0-50 wt % of said second fibrous assembly sub-panel and said cellulose fiber by 50-100 wt % of said second fibrous assembly sub-panel.

5. **(currently amended)** The body fluid absorbent wearing article according to claim 1, wherein said second fibrous assembly sub-panel ~~contains~~ comprises at least one of fibrous or granular super-absorptive polymer by 0-50 wt % of said second fibrous assembly sub-panel.

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6. **(new)** A body fluid absorbent wearing article, comprising:

a liquid-pervious topsheet;

a liquid-impervious backsheet; and

a liquid-absorbent panel disposed between said topsheet and said backsheet;

said panel comprising a first fibrous assembly sub-panel underlying said topsheet and a second fibrous assembly sub-panel underlying said first fibrous assembly sub-panel;

said first fibrous assembly sub-panel having a plurality of protuberant portions extending away from said topsheet and toward said second fibrous assembly panel so as to bear against said second fibrous assembly sub-panel;

said second fibrous assembly sub-panel having a fiber density higher than that of said first fibrous assembly sub-panel.

7. **(new)** The body fluid absorbent wearing article according to claim 6, wherein

said first fibrous assembly sub-panel further has a plurality of wall portions each being spaced from said second fibrous assembly sub-panel and connecting one pair of adjacent said protuberant portions with each other;

said first fibrous assembly sub-panel has a fiber density of 0.05-0.15 g/cm^3 in said protuberant portions as well as in said wall portions; and

said second fibrous assembly sub-panel has a fiber density of 0.10-0.50 g/cm^3.

8. **(new)** The body fluid absorbent wearing article according to claim 6, wherein said first fibrous assembly sub-panel has a surface which faces the topsheet and which is generally flat throughout an entire area thereof.

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9. **(new)** The body fluid absorbent wearing article according to claim 8, wherein

said first fibrous assembly sub-panel further has a base portion defining said surface, said protuberant portions extending from an opposite surface of said base portion toward said second fibrous assembly sub-panel; and

a fiber density of said protuberant portions is higher than that of said base portion and lower than the fiber density of said second fibrous assembly sub-panel.

10. **(new)** The body fluid absorbent wearing article according to claim 9, wherein said first fibrous assembly sub-panel further has a plurality of wall portions each extending from the base portion toward said second fibrous assembly sub-panel, being spaced from said second fibrous assembly sub-panel, and connecting one pair of adjacent said protuberant portions with each other;

a fiber density of said wall portions is higher than that of said base portion and lower than

the fiber density of said second fibrous assembly sub-panel.

11. **(new)** The body fluid absorbent wearing article according to claim 10, wherein the opposite surface of said base portion includes a plurality of disconnected areas each being completely surrounded by a number of said protuberant portions and said wall portions.

12. **(new)** The body fluid absorbent wearing article according to claim 6, wherein

said first fibrous assembly sub-panel further has a base portion which is adjacent said topsheet and from which said protuberant portions extend toward said second fibrous assembly sub-panel; and

a fiber density of said protuberant portions is higher than that of said base portion and lower than the fiber density of said second fibrous assembly sub-panel.

13. **(new)** The body fluid absorbent wearing article according to claim 12, wherein

the fiber density of said base portion is in a range of 0.03-0.10 g/cm^3;

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the fiber density of said second fibrous assembly sub-panel is 0.10-0.50 g/cm^3 in a range of.

14. **(new)** The body fluid absorbent wearing article according to claim 12, wherein said first fibrous assembly sub-panel further has a plurality of wall portions each extending from the base portion toward said second fibrous assembly sub-panel, being spaced from said second fibrous assembly sub-panel, and connecting one pair of adjacent said protuberant portions with each other;

a fiber density of said wall portions is higher than that of said base portion and lower than the fiber density of said second fibrous assembly sub-panel.

15. **(new)** The body fluid absorbent wearing article according to claim 6, wherein said second fibrous assembly sub-panel contacts said first fibrous assembly sub-panel only at lower ends

of said protuberant portions, thereby preventing bodily discharge that has been transferred to said second fibrous assembly sub-panel from flowing back to the first fibrous assembly sub-panel.

16. **(new)** A liquid-absorbent panel to be disposed between a liquid-pervious topsheet and a liquid-impervious backsheet of a body fluid absorbent garment, said liquid-absorbent panel comprising:

a first fibrous assembly sub-panel adapted to underlie the topsheet; and

a second fibrous assembly sub-panel underlying said first fibrous assembly sub-panel;

said first fibrous assembly sub-panel having a base portion and a plurality of protuberances extending from a first side of said base portion toward said second fibrous assembly panel so as to bear against said second fibrous assembly sub-panel;

said second fibrous assembly sub-panel having a fiber density higher than that of said first fibrous assembly sub-panel;

wherein a second, opposite side of said base portion, including regions corresponding to said protuberances, is generally flat.

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17. **(new)** The fluid absorbent panel according to claim 16, wherein a fiber density of said protuberances is higher than that of said base portion and lower than the fiber density of said second fibrous assembly sub-panel.

18. **(new)** The fluid absorbent panel according to claim 16, wherein

said first fibrous assembly sub-panel further has a plurality of wall portions each extending from said first side of said base portion toward said second fibrous assembly panel, being spaced from said second fibrous assembly sub-panel, and connecting one pair of adjacent said protuberances with each other; and

a fiber density of said wall portions is higher than that of said base portion and lower than the fiber density of said second fibrous assembly sub-panel.

19. **(new)** The fluid absorbent panel according to claim 18, wherein

the fiber density of said base portion is in a range of 0.03-0.10 g/cm^3;

the fiber density of said protuberances and wall portions is in a range of 0.05-0.15 g/cm^3; and

the fiber density of said second fibrous assembly sub-panel is 0.10-0.50 g/cm^3 in a range of.

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20. **(new)** The fluid absorbent panel according to claim 18, wherein the first side of said base portion includes a plurality of disconnected areas each being completely surrounded by a number of said protuberances and said wall portions.